

Dates for the Diary

Black History Month

October 2023

Lower Academy Year 6 Open Evening

Thursday 5th October 2023: 5pm - 7pm

Upper Academy Sixth Form Open Evening

Thursday 5th October 2023: 5pm - 7pm

Literacy & Numeracy Information Event

Monday 16th October 2023: 4pm - 5pm

Half Term

Monday 23rd - Friday 27th October 2023

Student Value of the Term

BLACK LIVES MATTER

House Points - Week Ending 29th September



4,494
AUSTEN



4,178
HAWKING



4,078
ALI



3,942
SEACOLE

Message from Headteacher

We are now quarter of the way through the Autumn term and our students and staff are working extremely hard to produce their best work and exciting lessons respectively.

In Catering this week, there was some delicious African Couscous being created, students were developing their cricket fielding skills in PE and it was lovely to hear our students confidently share their verbal learning in French.

Year 7's have had the opportunity to engage in British Values activities in the restaurant at lunch time, developing their understanding of what British Values means to them.

This week sees the launch of our new Behaviour Curriculum, Upper Academy students will be visiting us to deliver special rugby assemblies and it's the start of Black History Month.

On Monday, we look forward to welcoming parents and carers to our Settling Event and on Thursday we open our doors to prospective students and their families for our annual Open Evening.

Mrs L.Sherman



Open Evening

Thursday 5th October 2023: 5pm - 7pm

The Basildon Lower Academy will be welcoming students, parents and carers who will be transitioning to secondary education in September 2024. There will be an opportunity for visitors to tour the schools facilities, speak to key members of staff and meet our Headteacher, Mrs Sherman.

A complimentary minibus will be available for any of our visitors wishing to visit our Upper Academy Sixth Form Open Evening.



National Teaching Assistant Day - 29th September 2023

"Teaching Assistants are the glue that holds classrooms together, providing support for students and teachers alike." Mrs L.Sherman – Headteacher

"We would like to thank our Teaching Assistants for the fantastic support they give to our students." Mrs T.Smith – Assistant Headteacher & SENCO.

"My TA's are very supportive and help me keep on track with my work. They help make sure I know what lesson I have and get to my lessons on time. They also support me in lessons to help me understand the work I have to do." Jenson.B – Year 9

"The TA's help me loads with my work". Jaden.O – Year 8

"I feel safe and happy in Learning Support." Alissa.M – Year 7

"I always feel calm and relaxed in Learning Support." Taylor.C – Year 9

"TA's support me in my lessons and get me into my lessons every day, they are brilliant and the school is helpful to everyone that needs help. They also help us during break and lunch, always being there for us every second of the day." Ruby.L – Year 9

"If I have a sad day the TA's help me bring my smile back, and if it's a lesson I struggle with I don't have to worry because I know a TA will be there to help with anything." Sam.E – Year 8



Behaviour curriculum

This week sees the launch of our Behaviour Curriculum, The BA Way. This has been comprised through staff collaboration to identify the behaviours that we want to see and will be working hard to ensure that all students have the skills and support to meet these expectations.



THE BA WAY

READY (ASPIRE)	RESPONSIBLE (BELIEVE)	RESILIENT (ACHIEVE)
I arrive on time	I take pride and care in my work	I attempt all learning episodes to the best of my ability
I arrive in full uniform	I walk calmly in the corridors	I repair relationships when they break down through restorative conversations
I line up ready for class	I treat everyone with respect	I attend a range of enrichment activities during and after school

If you any questions regarding our Behaviour Curriculum please contact Ms R.Jospeh, Senior Student Development Leader; rjoseph@basildonacademies.org.uk

Literacy and Numeracy Information Event - Monday 16th October 2023: 4pm - 5pm

Members of staff from all of our departments will be available to showcase and demonstrate how they promote and encourage Literacy and Numeracy skills within their subjects. As well as having example resources to take away, all of our staff will be available to answer any queries you may have.

All staff will be based in department areas on the Lower site; no appointment is necessary.

Absence Procedures

To report a student absence please visit the [Contact Us](#) page via the Basildon Lower Academy website and select the option for Attendance.

- Parents/carers should contact the school by 8.30am each day their child is absent.
- If no reason has been received for a child's absence, the Academy will initiate first day calling.
- Parents/carers must provide medical evidence to support all absences due to illness or medical appointments.
- Wherever possible parents/carers should make appointments outside of school hours but if this is unavoidable students should attend school before and after the appointment.
- If no appropriate medical evidence is provided then the Academies cannot authorise an absence. (ie. medical appointment card, prescription, doctor's letter.)

For further information and guidance regarding attendance and absence please visit our website:

www.basildonloweracademy.org.uk/attendance



Home Learning

If you have any queries regarding home learning, including access issues or, to celebrate the work your child has completed at home, please visit the [Contact Us](#) page via the Basildon Lower Academy website and select the option for Home Learning/Homework.

Student Nurse Drop In

If students are worried about their health, would like a confidential chat or would just like to find out more about how our school nurse can help them, the nurse can be found:

Every Tuesday
Breaktime

Location:

The Wellbeing Centre



Uniform Exchange Scheme

If you have uniform that your child has outgrown, please bring it in and see if there is something in the exchange shop that has been donated that you can simply swap your item for. We are still gratefully receiving donations of blazers, shirts, trousers and PE kits that are in pre-loved condition and these can be donated via the reception office on either site.

Please remember, the Uniform Exchange shop is located at the Lower Academy, is open from 8am – 3:30pm Monday – Friday and is accessible via the school office.

Young Carers Club

Tuesdays

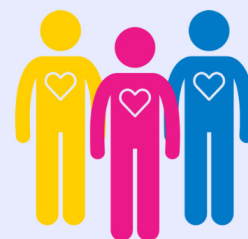
3:30pm-5pm

Venue:

The Wellbeing Centre

Various activities each week including board games, cooking, photography, arts & crafts.

Refreshments provided. Talk to others, relax & have fun.



Safeguarding

Safeguarding our students is at the forefront of everything we do. Parents and carers can access information via the following link www.escb.co.uk which offers guidance and signposts to resources on various safeguarding issues. Please contact our safeguarding officers if you have any concerns about your own child or another student at the Academies.

www.basildonloweracademy.org.uk/safeguarding

Harvest Food Collection



We are collecting food/toiletries for the Helping Hands Community Centre Foodbank this Harvest season.

- Any tinned food, cereal and toiletries are accepted but must be unopened and in date.
- Donation points are reception and with your Humanities teachers.



To celebrate Black History Month, each Wednesday in October we will be serving authentic dishes in the Dining Hall

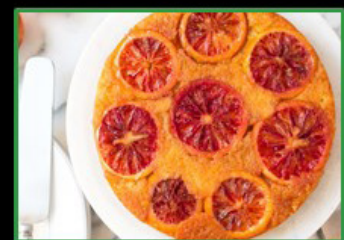
Dishes for Wednesday 4th October:



Jerk Chicken



Cheeseburger Pasta



*Orange Cornmeal
Cake & Cream*

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